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Notice to Mariners: Wallops Rocket Launch Scheduled June 6

The NASA Wallops Flight Facility will launch a single-stage Orion suborbital sounding rocket from Wallops Island between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 6. June 7 through 10 are backup days.

The area in the Atlantic Ocean that poses a danger to mariners during the project is posted on the Boaters Launch Information page under the Wallops web site at www.wff.nasa.gov. Boaters are asked to remain clear of this area during operations.

Wallops will fly an orange aerostat (blimp) at 400 feet altitude over Wallops Island beginning at 30 minutes before the firings. The blimp will be lowered when the mission is completed and the danger to mariners no longer exists. In addition, boaters may tune to Marine Channel 12 to monitor the operations.

Completion of the mission will be noted on the Boaters Launch Information page on the Wallops web site, as well as the Wallops launch status line at 757-824-2050. The sounding rocket mission will be web cast on the Wallops web site and also will be carried live on 760 AM, which has a range of five to 10 miles from the NASA Visitor Center, beginning 30 minutes before the opening of the launch window.

Thank you for your assistance and support.